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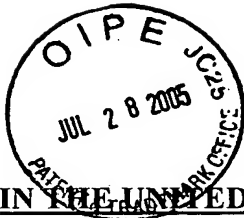
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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2003/008439

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
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 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
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- ☐ the drawings:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
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4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☒ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/08439

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-22 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | | YES |
| | Claims | 1-22 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-22 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 2-265648 A (Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.) October 30, 1990

Document 2: JP 63-302950 A (Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.) December 9, 1988

Document 3: JP 60-25544 A (Toyota Motor Corp.) February 8, 1985

Document 4: JP 62-241552 A (Cataler Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha) October 22, 1987

Document 5: JP 11-207183 A (Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd.) August 3, 1999

Based on the descriptions in documents 1-5 cited in the international search report, the inventions of claims 1-22 lack an inventive step.

Document 1 describes a catalyst for waste gas purification that contains a perovskite composite oxide containing a noble metal, a zirconium series or cerium series composite oxide, and alumina on an exterior and an interior layer (which corresponds to the catalyst for waste gas purification set forth in claims 1-4 and 6-22. For the inclusion of Rh, see Example 8 of document 1). Document 2 describes a catalyst for waste gas purification that contains a perovskite composite oxide containing a noble metal, and alumina (corresponding to the catalyst for waste gas purification set forth in claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-13 and 22).

Documents 1 and 2 do not describe the use of θ alumina and α alumina as the alumina, but as described in documents 3 and 4, it was previously known that the high-temperature durability of catalysts for waste gas purification is increased by using θ alumina and α alumina as the alumina. Therefore, this examination finds that persons skilled in the art can easily conceive of preparing the inventions set forth in claims 1-21 that use these kinds of alumina in the inventions described in documents 1 and 2.

In addition, documents 1 and 2 do not state that the catalyst contains sulfates, etc., of Ba, but as described in document 5, it was previously known that the poisoning of Pd by hydrocarbons is inhibited by adding the sulfates, etc., of Ba to a catalyst for waste gas purification. Therefore, this examination finds that persons skilled in the art can easily conceive of creating the invention set forth in claim 22 that uses this kind of active ingredient in the inventions described in documents 1 and 2. In addition, the use of θ alumina and α alumina as the alumina has already been discussed in the examination of claims 1-21.

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PCT/JP03/08439**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box I.5.:

At the time it was filed this international application disclosed only a catalyst for waste gas purification, and it did not make a general disclosure of catalyst compositions that are not restricted to waste gas purification. Therefore, the invention of claim 23 on page 161 and the amendment to page 7 are beyond the scope of disclosure of this international application at the time of filing.